

# Youth Initiative Program

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## MEETING REMINDER

The Youth Initiative Program (YIP) will hold its next networking meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at 5300 E. Paisano, El Paso Housing Authority - Assembly Room. Please make plans to attend. For information call the YIP office at (915) 298-9600.



This month's scheduled speakers are SSG Adrian Lopez of the Texas National Guard Counter Drug Program, and Robert Guile, Ft. Bliss Army Substance Abuse Program. Helpline Directories will be available to assist in resource information.



## Red Ribbon Rally & Carnival

An Anti-Substance Abuse Event

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bi-national Red Ribbon Rally will be held at Bowie High School on Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm with the following activities:

- Entertainment
- Games/Booths/Displays/Exhibits
- Try the Fatal Vision goggles
- Simulated impaired driving experience
- Door prizes – Cricket phone & more

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**Contact: Virginia**  
**915-775-2555**



## Grant for High Risk Youth to Serve Community...

Youth Service America, U.S. Dept. of Justice, and OJJDP announce the Youth Rising grant program, a **\$2,000** grant opportunity for organizations to engage high risk and/or gang-involved youth in volunteer service. To be eligible, organizations must have documented success in prevention/intervention work with this segment.

The grant will support **projects that engage high risk and/or gang-involved youth (ages 12-25) in service to their communities**, projects that are co-led by youth and adult allies such as parents, counselors, coaches, teachers, and youth leaders. A significant portion of the project must take place on National and Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22, 2007. Application materials are available at [www.YSA.org/awards](http://www.YSA.org/awards). Materials must be received at YSA no later than 5 pm EST on **Thursday, October 12, 2006**.



On Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, from 1-5 p.m., the Ft. Bliss Substance Abuse Program and the Ft. Bliss Army Volunteer Corps will be hosting a Make A Difference Day Alcohol Awareness Rally for military personnel at the ADA Museum, 1735 Marshall Rd. This event, combating D.W.I & underage drinking, is open to the community. Free t-shirts for the first 250 attendees; three \$50 gift certificates will be given away in a drawing. Canned good donations will be taken for the Junior enlisted army center and used cell phones for the battered women's shelter. Come out and try the new DWI simulator car! Call 915-568-1132 or 915-568-1033.



## Funds for Dropout Awareness!

In Texas: Over 118,000 children drop out of school, 52% are Hispanic, only 69% of high school students graduate, and only 32% are college ready. These are alarming statistics for our community. The YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region is proud to announce the availability of Grants for Youth-Driven Organizations and Projects. **Goal:** To increase awareness of the dropout problem and encourage youth to seek higher education and/or training. **Who:** Youth-Driven Organizations and/or projects serving the following zip codes: 79907, 79928, 79927, 79849, and 79836. **Award Amount:** Up to \$500. Application: Sept. 1 – Sept. 29, 2006. Contact: [v.Lozano@ywcaelpaso.org](mailto:v.Lozano@ywcaelpaso.org) or 915-859-0276.

## Human Trafficking

Victims of human trafficking may look like many of the people you help everyday. Look for the following clues:

- Evidence of being controlled
- Evidence of inability to move or leave a job
- Bruises or other signs of physical abuse
- Fear or depression
- Not speaking on own behalf and/or non-English speaking
- No passport or other forms of identification or documentation

If you think you have encountered a victim of trafficking, call the Trafficking Information and Referral Hotline at 1-888-3737-888.



"Even the most horrible experience can be dealt with, so that it does not ruin your life." - Holocaust survivor Dr. Edith Eger

### Dr. Edith Eva Eger to Speak

Clinical Psychologist and lecturer Edith Eva Eger, Ph.D. will speak at 7 pm, Wednesday, September 20, 2006, at the Hal Marcus Gallery, 800 N. Mesa. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Dr. Eger, a motivational speaker based in La Jolla, California, speaks with the insight that comes her own suffering as a young girl when she was captured and tortured by the Nazi's during World War II. From her perspective of the human condition, she has assisted others to rise above their own pain and become whole again. Dr. Eger provides counseling for anyone who has been an eyewitness to tragedy, or has suffered trauma in their lives.

The event benefits the Jewish Family and Children's Services of El Paso, a not-for-profit organization that provides for the counseling needs of the community without regard to religion. Call 915-581-3256, ext. 11.

### United Blood Services

Commemorating the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> and Celebrating Community Heroes on Sunday, September 10, 2006, 1-5pm, at 424 S. Mesa Hills Drive. Bring the family!



Prevent crime... Inspire Youth...  
Be a friend... Be a mentor...  
Have a blast... 200 El Paso youth are waiting for you...  
Ask about our exciting, high energy Adventure Mentors program...  
Find out more:  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso  
Contact: 915- 544-4203 or [claudia.diaz@bbbs.org](mailto:claudia.diaz@bbbs.org)



Our local schools have just begun a brand new exciting school year. Students and school staff work diligently to meet educational and academic goals. During every school year-student/staff lives are susceptible to various hazards such as violence, natural and/or technological emergencies. Overall these emergencies can ultimately affect student/staff lives and upset the schools educational setting.

Schools actively take initiatives to promote safety and efforts to mitigate hazards until first responders can get to the scene. Code Blue establishes positive relationships with our area schools in efforts to increase safety and prepare them-once an emergency strikes!

#### Code Blue Initiatives

- \* Assist schools with the implementation and/or revising of crisis emergency response plans.
- \* Train school staff on emergency preparedness & crisis emergency response plans.
- \* Coordinate Crisis Management Teams.
- \* Assist and/or coordinate school practice mock drills.
- \* Assist school security audit teams to assess building safety.

If you come in contact with any school that may require assistance with the listed topics, please refer them to a Code Blue Coordinator: Marlo Tena 298-9814 or Araceli Salcedo 298-9816.



### Change the World

Youth Service America (YSA) envisions a global culture of engaged youth, ages 5-25, who are committed to a lifetime of service, leadership, and achievement. YSA aims to expand the impact of the youth service movement with communities, schools, corporations, and governments. For more information, visit [www.YSA.org](http://www.YSA.org) or call 202-296-2992.



### Learn how to become a zoo mentor to kids.....

Kids are back in school, and that means more trips to the Zoo! Help teach a child about nature. Whether it is showing off the education animals, teaching kids about the different animals, working special events or giving lectures about live animals from the education collection, the zoo needs you!

All volunteers are expected to fully support the mission of the education program at the El Paso Zoo which is to protect and restore wildlife and their habitats worldwide through on and off site lectures and live animal presentations, zoo camps, guided tours, and various media including interpretive signage, a comprehensive website and publications.

Physical Requirements: Volunteers must be able to restrain education animals, and lift or carry heavy objects, up to 30 pounds. Persons under 18 years of age will be supervised by an adult. Volunteers contact: Anne Langenfeld at 351-5340.



The UTEP Women's Resource Center will hold "Take Back the Night" on Sept. 20, 2006. For information on how to participate or the agenda, please contact Espi Candelaria at 915-747-5291. The "Take Back the Night" Rally is an annual event where members of the UTEP and El Paso Community unite in support of sexual assault awareness and in opposition to the violence against women and children.





NASW will be assisting with providing licensed individuals to attend every class in the elementary schools in Canutillo to provide services to the students and to assess students who might need additional assistance. If you do not normally work with children but would like to volunteer but feel you need further guidance, they will have a point person to guide everyone. NASW will also be working with MH/MR for referrals of children who might need additional services and that process will be available.

NASW thanks the Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services who have contributed food and clothes to the people in Canutillo. If you can assist in obtaining school supplies or uniforms, it would be greatly appreciated. For monetary donations, checks can be made payable to the Canutillo Independent School District; gift cards are welcomed. If you would like to volunteer please e-mail or telephone: Donna Cude-Islas LMSW  
El Paso Branch Chair  
National Association of Social Workers  
626 Blacker Ave, El Paso TX. 79902  
[djci1@aol.com](mailto:djci1@aol.com), 915-494-1861



### Anti-Tobacco Book Covers !!!!

The Prevention Resource Center Region 10, located at 10400 Socorro Road, is taking orders for free book covers. The covers have an anti-smoking message "To big tobacco companies you're just One Thing: An Easy Target". They have a large supply on hand so let them know how many you need: 915-860-9528.

With prior arrangement, your order could be picked up at the YIP meeting on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Housing Authority Assembly Room, 5300 E. Paisano, between 10 a.m. – noon.



Thanks to Jimmy Rogers, Jr., CEO, Rogers & Belding Insurance Agency, Inc., for the following letter:

"During the recent flood (the first and biggest one), our building had to be evacuated. My personal office is on the third floor of our building, and I had a front row seat to witness all of the traffic control, rescues of passengers stranded in flooded cars with water up to their windows, and many Police officers within several blocks doing their jobs.

We want to commend and thank all of your Officers for their efforts. They don't get the credit they deserve. When our employees were vacating our building, your Officers were there advising them of the safest routes to return to their homes. Several of our employees commented to me about how great they were.

We are long time supporters and admirers of our Police Department, and we thank you for your personal leadership, and all of your Officers who do such a great job."

### Thomason Hospital Health Fair

Thomason will be hosting their annual Wellness Fair for employees on Friday, Sept. 29th in the lower-level parking garage, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Agencies interested in having a table or booth presentation (no charge) should contact Ruben Lucero at 521-7528 or email [rlucero@thomasoncares.org](mailto:rlucero@thomasoncares.org).



### Reading Tutors Needed!

The READ Program at AOY Elementary School is looking for volunteer tutors. If you want to make a difference in a child's life and help a student learn to read, please call the READ Program at 915-545-2381 or 915-774-4020.



### Ballroom Training for High School Dance Instructors

New Horizons Dance Academy is offering ballroom classes to train high school dance instructors who would like to add ballroom flair to their dance curriculum. The training would include basics in 5 latin dances: Cha-Cha, Rhumba, Merengue, Salsa and Swing. Classes can be held on Tues & Fridays: 6:30pm - 7:30pm. or Mondays & Thursdays: 8:30pm - 9:30pm.

Costs: \$125 per person with a minimum of 10 registrations; \$300 per person with a 5-registration minimum.

This is not a certification course, but all participants will be able to teach 6 basic steps in all 5 dances. They will learn both the male as well as the female steps for the dances. This is a great way to teach manners, etiquette and learn the elegance, grace and discipline of Dance Sports (aka Ballroom Dancing). Call Robert A. Hernandez, Certified Dance Instructor, New Horizons Dance Academy, 3465 Lee Blvd. Ste. 233, 79936, 915-449-8533, 915-849-7732.

### Start Saving Children's Books...

For the 2nd Annual Citywide Children's book drive, taking place in October 2006. Gem's Gems Books for Kids, a local non-profit organization, will be collecting donations of new and gently-used English or Spanish children's books for infant to 6th grade level that will be redistributed by age level to schools and day care centers. Over 16,000 books were collected last year. Collection bins will be placed at all Police Regional Command Centers and Headquarters the first week in Oct. for collection through Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Cindy Facker 915-833-7201 [cindy@cindyfacker.com](mailto:cindy@cindyfacker.com).

**M.A.R.S. 2006-2007 Meeting Schedules**

<b>HIGH SCHOOL ***</b>	<b>DATE/TIME</b>	<b>CONTACT/PHONE/FAX</b>
El Paso High School Library	2006: 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12 2007: 1/9, 2/20, 3/20, 4/10, 5/8 (Tuesdays @ 9 a.m.)	Christina Soria 496-8300/532-2008 <a href="mailto:cmsoria@episd.org">cmsoria@episd.org</a>
Chapin High School Library Room 151	2006: 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11 2007: 2/12, 3/19, 4/16, 5/7 (Mondays @ 8:45 a.m.)	Barbara Augustine 832-6730/565-9794 <a href="mailto:bjaugust@episd.org">bjaugust@episd.org</a>
El Dorado High School Room A118	2006: To be determined 2007: 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24 (Thursday @ 1:30 p.m.)	Gina Reyes, CIS 937-3253/851-7820 <a href="mailto:greyes08@sisd.net">greyes08@sisd.net</a>
Franklin High School Cafeteria Lounge	2006: 10/11, 11/15, 12/13, 2007: 1/17, 2/14, 3/7, 4/11, 5/9 (Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.)	Rachel Olguin 832-6600/587-4094 <a href="mailto:rolguin@episd.org">rolguin@episd.org</a>
Hanks High School Teacher's Lunch Rm.	2006: 9/26, 10/24, 11/28 2007: 1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22 (Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.)	Katherine Olivas 434-5188/598-4621 <a href="mailto:olivas-3@msn.com">olivas-3@msn.com</a>
Parkland High School Art Gallery	2006: To be determined 2007: To be determined	434-6048
Ysleta High School Library	2006: 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6, 2007: 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2 (Wednesdays @ 8:30 a.m.)	Aurora Duran 434-8021/434-8027 <a href="mailto:rreneduran@aol.com">rreneduran@aol.com</a>
Fabens High School Library	2006: 9/20, 10/25, 11/15, 12/13 2007: 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/25, 5/16 (Wednesday @ noon)	Claudia Andrade 764-3711 x222, 892-2344 <a href="mailto:candrade@fabensisd.net">candrade@fabensisd.net</a>

\*\*\* Includes feeder schools. Schools have confirmed dates; however you may wish to contact the school directly.

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- ...offers financial aid
- ...has counselors that will work with you on individual basis to answer questions.

For more information call Aracely Rocha at 915-637-3771.

**Crimes Against Children**  
**9600 Dyer**  
**El Paso, Tx. 79924**  
**915-298-9600**  
[www.eppd.org](http://www.eppd.org)



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